there. Three culverts should also be put up on the road from the 6th to the 9th mile with a small bridge at the 9th mile over the Chittar. A bridge should also be constructed at Mandapathumkadavu. Another bridge should be constructed on the Kulathur road near the Ayrayil tank. The Kattakada-Mayilakara road should be converted into a cartable road. The road leading from the Amaravila-Vellarada road to the Kunnathukal pakuthy cutcherry should also be made cartable, as well as the trace from the Amaravila-Oottasekharamangalam road, 1st mile, to the Amaravila-Vellarada road 4th mile.

A manure depot should be established in the taluk.

In regard to the Police officers of the taluk the member urged that a more fair-minded and impartial Police Inspector should be appointed there.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Padmanabha Pillai, I do not know whether I will be able to answer all the points you have raised. I can only get through as many as possible in the short time before me.

In regard to minor irrigation works, those that have been sanctioned are being taken up according to their urgency by the Chief Engineer. The whole lot cannot be taken up all at once. We have to work according to programme. The whole question of minor irrigation is now engaging the attention of Government.

As to the Aruvikara irrigation project, the resultant advantage from the scheme you propose will be so small that I am advised that the scheme is not worthy of investigation. However, I will go into the matter again.

As regards the construction of the Kodayar Right Bank Channel, as it is, there is hardly enough water in the Pechippara Reservoir. It supplies the needs of Tovala, Agastisvaram and Vilavancode taluks. When the supply is short for irrigating the existing lands it is not possible to think of adding to the number of distributaries. But the Chief Engineer is carrying on investigations to find out what leakage there is from the reservoir, why it occurs and how it can be remedied. I will not touch upon the question of culverts ; if necessary separate answers will be sent to you later on.

In regard to the conversion of the trace from Amaravila-Ottassekharamangalam road, 1st mile, to the Amaravila-Vellarada road, 4th mile, into a cart road, that is surely a matter for the people themselves to do.

As regards the conversion of the trace from Kattakkada to Mylakkara into a cart road, you will get a separate reply. You want a bridge across the Kulathur-Chavadi road near the Ayrayil tank. An estimate has been called for.

As regards the establishment of a manure depot in Neyyattinkara, I shall ask the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries to see if he can get reliable persons or societies who will undertake the supply of manures on a commission basis.

77. Needs of the Neyyattinkara taluk.

MR. KANAKKU NARAYANA PILLAI GOVINDA PILLAI (*Member, Neyyattinkara taluk, Group II*) spoke of the following needs of the taluk :

(i) The new road from the Trivandrum-Kovilam road, 4th mile, to the Pallichal-Vizhinjam road, 4th mile, should be completed soon.

(ii) The foot-path from the 1st mile of the above road to the Vellayani lake should be converted into a public road.

(iii) The above two roads should be metalled and repaired every year.

(iv) A ferry boat should be provided in the Vellayani lake.

(v) Roads should be opened from the western side of the Kovilam camp-shed to the beach on the south and the north and from there to the Panathura *pozhi*.

(vi) A Satrom should be provided at Kovilam with separate accommodation for all classes of people.

(vii) The road from Poovar to Pulluvila which was in a very bad condition and unfit for traffic should be gravelled and made cartable.

(viii) The Peyyad-Vellanad road which was opened only for two miles should be completed and the bridge on the road should be constructed soon.

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(ix) The Malayinkizh-Uruttambalam road should be gravelled and repaired and the bridge on the road should be constructed soon.

(x) The irrigation tanks in the taluk should be repaired and maintained by the P. W. D.

(xi) A canal should be opened along the western side of the Kottukal *Elai*.

(xii) The non-departmental Anchal office at Maranalloor should be made a departmental one. It was formerly a departmental Anchal office, but for no reason it was converted into a non-departmental office. The importance of the place demanded a departmental office there.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Govinda Pillai, with regard to the conversion of the non-departmental into a departmental Anchal office at Maranallur, will you kindly write to the Anchal Superintendent about that?

MEMBER: There was no reason for the conversion.

DEWAN: In regard to the conversion of the traces from the Trivandrum-Kovalam road, 8th mile, south to the sea and north to the Panathura Pozhi into cart roads, the Chief Engineer promises to make an investigation and submit a report as well as also of the carrying on of the road to meet the Karamana river.

As regards the provision of a Satrom at Kovalam, I am not sure that many people visit Kovalam. I see that the Land Revenue Commissioner and the Peishkar take the same view as yourself, *i. e.*, that a Satrom at Kovalam is necessary for the public as well as for the officers visiting the place on duty. I will have plans and estimates prepared.

In regard to the roads you have mentioned, (vii, vii and ix), separate replies will be sent you.

The question of tank restoration is engaging the attention of Government.

The Chief Engineer tells me that the question of opening a canal along the western side of the Kottukal *Elai* will cost about Rs. 30,000 and it is unwise to incur this heavy expenditure while an expenditure of Rs. 20,000 has already been incurred to open a canal along the eastern side.

MEMBER: If the canal is opened, people are even prepared to pay a higher tax.

DEWAN: You say that the people are willing to pay increased tax if this canal is cut. I shall discuss the matter with the Chief Engineer later on.

MEMBER: Nothing has been said about the ferry boat in the Vellayani kayal.

DEWAN: If you are going to have a road leading to the lake on the other side or both sides, is there need for a ferry?

MEMBER: It will be a boon to the agriculturists of Neyyattinkara, if the Aruvikkara scheme is sanctioned.

DEWAN: It will be taken into consideration in due course.

78. Needs of the Neyyattinkara municipality.

MR. A. S. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Neyyattinkara*) urged for the removal of the liquor shops within the municipality from the municipal limits. The Excise Committee's report had been submitted to Government long ago and it was imperative that Government should pass early orders on the report laying down their policy in respect of temperance etc.

The member next dealt with the need for establishing an English school for girls at Neyyattinkara and for extending the premises of the existing English school.

In regard to the control of traffic in the town, the member stated that if the officers of the municipality were empowered to check the traffic, there would be adequate control. The Police officers by themselves were not equal to the task.

Finally the member urged that the grant-in-aid to the municipality might be raised to Rs. 1,000.

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